

Woman demonstrates abusive act on child for DCS, charged

A Philadelphia woman is accused of not only of striking her toddler in the head with her fist at the ER, but also of then demonstrating the action with a repeat lick to the child's skull when asked by DCS what she had done.

Tami Jean Harmon, 29, Spring Street, Philadelphia was charged with child abuse and/or neglect.

According to an affidavit filed by Detective Jonathan

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Harmon

Aggravated assault after knife used in domestic

A young Loudon man was taken to jail Saturday after he allegedly assailed a woman with a knife during a domestic dispute that caught the attention of a slew of neighbors who reportedly witnessed the incident.

Thomas Tatham, 19, Vonnore Road, Loudon was charged with aggravated domestic violence assault.

According to an affidavit, filed by Deputy James Stegall, LCSO; on May 19,

(see Aggravated pg. 7)



Tatham

Hit & run driver has no license, blows .16% on BAC

An unlicensed driver reportedly registered twice the legal limit on as breath test when he was taken into custody following a hit and run accident at a Lenoir City location Wednesday.

Jose Arturo Rivas-Rivas-Cano, 32, West Broadway, Lenoir City was charged with DUI, hit and run of a parked vehicle and driving without a license.

According to reports, Officer K. Condee, LCPD responded to the EZ Stop

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Cano

Vehicle stolen after flat

A Knoxville man told officials he had left his vehicle on the side of the road along I-75 when he had a flat tire

and when he returned he discovered someone had stolen his car.

According to reports, Dep- (see Stolen pg. 3)

Insect invasion growing; EAB Quarantine Expanded to 5 New Counties in ET

NASHVILLE - Emerald Ash Borer, an invasive insect that destroys ash trees, has been found in Anderson, Hamblen, Hancock, Hawkins and Roane counties. These areas are all adjacent to counties already under an EAB quarantine. The

identification was made recently and has been confirmed by USDA.

"We are continuing our surveys to determine the extent of the infestation," said Gray Haun, TDA Plant Certification Administrator. "We will

(see Quarantine pg. 5)

Verse of the Day

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Obituaries

Dale Vaughn Sterner

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Weather

Today: Mostly cloudy with a 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s. Light winds.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy. A 30% chance of showers & thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the mid 50s. Light winds.
Wednesday: Partly sunny with a

20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. Light winds.

Horoscopes

Gemini 5/21-6/21
You need to settle things through civilized discussion today -- there's no room for backstabbing

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Who Does That???

Sartin, LCPD; on or about May 17, 2012, Tami J. Harmon was at Fort Loudoun Medical Center in Lenoir City where she hit her 20 month old son in the top of the head with her fist.

A worker from DCS asked Harmon what she had just done, and Ms. Harmon showed her by hitting the child again.

Harmon's actions could cause damage to the child's skull or brain.

Detective Sartin made the arrest at Loudon County DCS Friday.

Stolen

uty Craig Brewer, LCSO met with Mr. Roger Needham, Thornton Drive, Knoxville, Friday, at the Loudon County Justice Center in reference to a stolen vehicle. Mr. Needham stated he was driving his 1992 black Honda Accord Thursday, and had a flat tire on Interstate 75 north around the 69 mile marker. He left the vehicle there until he could get a tire and checked on it around 8:00 AM, Fri-

day morning.

Needham * advised when he returned around 6:00 PM, Friday evening, his vehicle was gone.

Dispatch checked all towing services in the county and with Tennessee Highway Patrol and no one had it picked up. The estimated value of the vehicle was \$1100. The investigation is ongoing.

Police Beat

Richard Thomas Sokol, 56, Chestnut Ridge Drive, Lenoir City was charged with public intoxication.

According to records, Deputy Charles Butler, LCSO was dispatched

to the area of Highway 11 at Sugarlimb Road concerning a white male walking and falling down and then getting back up.

On arrival the deputy observed a man walking through the parking lot of the Rural Metro Ambulance Service on Sugarlimb Road. The man was identified as Richard T. Sokol.

Sokol was very unsteady on his feet and had a very strong odor of alcohol on his breath and person. He was deemed a danger to himself and others if left to walk and was placed under arrest.

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Quarantine

be working closely with federal officials and other stakeholders to take steps to limit its spread and protect our

forest resources and urban landscapes.”

EAB attacks only ash trees. It is believed to have been introduced into the Detroit, Mich. area 15 to 20 years ago

on wood packing material from Asia. Since then, the destructive insect has killed millions of ash trees across several states including Illinois, Indiana, Iowa,

Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

In response to the find, TDA is adding the 5 new counties to the Emerald Ash Borer quarantine. Blount, Claiborne, Grainger, Knox, Loudon and Sevier counties are already under an EAB quarantine. The quarantine prohibits the movement of firewood, ash nursery stock, ash timber and other material that can spread EAB. With the new discovery, citizens can expect expanded surveys and should report any symptomatic ash trees to TDA.

“People located in surrounding areas to the quarantine can expect to see more purple traps this coming spring and summer as these are an important part of the surveying process,” said Haun. “The traps are coated with an adhesive that captures insects when they land. The color is thought to be attractive to EAB, and is relatively easy for humans to spot among the foliage.”

Typically, the Emerald Ash Borer beetles can kill an ash tree within three years of the initial infestation. Adults are dark green, one-half inch in length and one-eighth inch wide, and fly only from April until September, depending on the climate of the area. In Tennessee, most EAB adults would fly in May and June.

Larvae spend the rest of the year beneath the bark of ash trees. When they emerge as adults, they leave D-shaped holes in the bark about one-eighth inch wide.

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry estimates that five million urban ash trees in Tennessee are potentially at risk from EAB. The risk represents an estimated value loss of \$2 billion. There are an estimated 261 million ash trees on Tennessee public and private timberland potentially valued as high as \$9 billion.

TDA urges area residents and visitors to help prevent the spread of EAB:

- *Don't transport firewood, even within Tennessee.* Don't bring firewood along for camping trips. Get the wood you need from a local source. Don't bring wood home with you.

- *Don't buy or move firewood from outside the state.* When obtaining firewood, ask the vendor about the source, and don't buy wood from outside the state unless it states that it has been treated.

- *Watch for signs of infestation in your ash trees.* If you suspect your ash tree could be infested with EAB, visit www.TN.gov/agriculture/eab for a symptoms checklist and report form or call TDA's Regulatory Services Division at 1-800-628-2631.

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Bad Driver

on West Broadway Wednesday, around 10:50 PM, on a hit and run call and a witness pointed out a dark green Chevy Malibu parked behind a residence on West Broadway.

The witness stated she saw the vehicle strike another vehicle on North C Street and it didn't stop. She advised a man was driving the Malibu and he'd almost struck her vehicle as well.

When Officer Cond-

ee went to the residence on West Broadway, he observed Mr. Rivas Rivas-Cano exiting the driver's seat. He was very unsteady on his feet and had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath and person.

Field sobriety was not completed because of the terrain and because Rivas Rivas-Cano was in danger of falling to the ground due to his level of intoxication.

The officer reported he asked a female pas-

senger if she remembered hitting another vehicle on North C Street and she said, "Yes," and that Mr. Rivas-Cano was the driver.

The lawman asked Mr. Rivas-Cano if he remembered hitting the

vehicle and he admitted to striking it and said he planned to go back to the scene after dropping his car off at his residence. Rivas-Cano advised he'd had four beers.

Mr. Rivas-Cano does not have a driv-

ers license, and he was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail where he submitted to a breath test. Rivas-Cano registered .16%.

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Aggravated Assault

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A second report was made indicating the male went into the residence and came back out with a knife and forced the female back into the residence.

Upon arrival, Deputy Stegall knocked on the front door and got no response and a moment later Mrs. Tatham came from the side of the trailer and stated nothing was going on.

The deputy was attempting to find the male, Thomas Tatham, when Tatham came from

the back door area.

The lawman started asking questions about what was going on because there was a past history of violence with Mr. Tatham.

For officer safety, Deputy Stegall placed Mr. Tatham into custody and as he was attempting to place him in the back of his patrol unit, Tatham began to struggle. The deputy pulled his head back in order to place him in the vehicle and he struggled more, so the lawman shoved him into the vehicle.

The officer then at-

tempted to talk with the female about the 911 calls and she started screaming and yelling, so he then went and spoke with the complainant.

The complainant and several other neighbors confirmed the events that had taken place advising Mr. Tatham did have a physical altercation in the front yard and he did place a knife to the woman and took her back into the residence.

Mr. Tatham was transported to the Loudon County Jail without further incident.

Police Beat

Donnie Romondra Millsaps, 44, Jackson Bend Road, Lenoir City was charged with DUI.

According to records, Deputy Chris Hutchins, LCSO witnessed a silver

Hyundai Tiburon cross the center line twice while traveling on Highway 95 towards Greenback and it failed to stop completely at the stop sign at Highway 95 and Morganton Road. The deputy initiated a traffic stop and identified the driver as Donnie R. Millsaps.

Mr. Millsaps had a strong odor of alcohol emitting from his person and admitted to drinking until he'd passed out the night before. He stated he quit drinking between 11:30 PM, and 12:00 AM, and he was driving home from a friends house.

Millsaps did poorly on field sobriety and was arrested for suspicion of DUI and was read the implied consent advisement. He agreed to give a breath sample and registered 0.14%.

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